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Iran-Iraq Conflict

The Iraqi Air Force carried out another attack in the Gulf on 10 January, hitting a "large maritime target" near Khark Island "accurately and effectively," the Iraqi military command announced in a communique broadcast by Baghdad radio. In Tehran, IRNA accused the Iraqi Air Force of raiding Iranian residential areas in Bakhtaran the previous day, killing or wounding 33 people.

Lebanon

Israeli Position — A majority of ministers now support proposals for a phased Israeli withdrawal to the international border starting soon, IDF radio disclosed in a report on the results of the 10 January inner cabinet meeting on Lebanon. The Cabinet will discuss the package at its forthcoming meeting on 13 January, the radio said, but if an exact time schedule for withdrawal is established, this will not be published. Despite these plans for a unilateral withdrawal, the Israeli military delegation "will probably return to Al-Naqurah on 14 or 17 January, allowing the political process to continue," the radio added. Nevertheless, senior Israeli officials cited by *THE JERUSALEM POST* dismissed as "absurd" a Lebanese offer to refer the issue of UNIFIL to the UN Security Council if Israel presents a detailed plan for withdrawal from Lebanon.

Kidnapped Americans — An Islamic Jihad organization spokesman told AP that his group will release the Catholic priest and four other Americans it is holding on condition that all Americans leave Lebanon, Beirut radio reported on 11 January. Meanwhile, 3 persons were killed and 13 injured in an explosion in West Beirut, according to the Voice of Lebanon.

Israel

The negotiations with Egypt over Tabah will not take place next week as scheduled because Israel has requested a postponement, since it is expected to be "fully engaged" in debate over the Lebanese issue, IDF radio disclosed. In a separate development, the radio reported that Likud and Alignment ministers have authorized the establishment of six new settlements in Judaea and Samaria by the end of September this year. They are among the 27 settlements due for construction in the next 4 years within the framework of the national unity government, Jerusalem radio noted. However, in remarks cited by *YEDI'OT AHARONOT*, Minister Without Portfolio 'Ezer Weizman contended that the days of the national unity government are numbered since the coalition is "gradually falling apart."

PLO

The PLO rejected Jordan's proposals for settling the Palestinian issue through joint action on the basis of UN Resolution 242, according to a PLO statement cited by the Dubayy paper *AL-BAYAN*. The paper went on to report that in conversations with Jordanian officials, PLO Political Department head Faruq Qaddumi said the PLO would not "fall for the trap" of the Jordanian proposals.

Sudan

A military spokesman reported the destruction of an "outlaw" camp between Upper Nile and Equatoria, Omdurman radio announced. In a separate development, the clandestine Radio of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army maintained that Chevron will be confronted with force if it resumes its oil operations.

Afghanistan-Pakistan

A DRA Foreign Ministry spokesman, cited by BAKHTAR, warned that if Pakistan continues its "provocative aggression," DRA security forces will take reciprocal action. Pakistan later denied the DRA charges, describing them as "baseless and mischievous," Karachi radio reported.

Pakistan Internal Affairs

Three more opposition party leaders were arrested in Pakistan, bringing the number of arrests in recent days to 13, Delhi radio reported.

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Keshtmand Discusses Issues With CPSU Delegation

LD101603 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 10 Jan 85

[Text] Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, this afternoon at the Council of Ministers met the CPSU delegation, led by Inamdzhan Buzrukovich Usmankhodzhayev, secretary of the Uzbek SSR Communist Party Central Committee.

At this meeting, which took place in a very friendly atmosphere, talks were held on the traditional friendly relations between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union, and on productive cooperation between the people and governments of the two countries.

On behalf of the people and the DRA Government, Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand expressed appreciation for the comprehensive and fraternal internationalist assistance of the Soviet Union, the great neighbor and earnest friend of the people of Afghanistan.

At this meeting readiness and confidence were also expressed for the progress and broadening of relations and productive cooperation.

Fikryat Akhmedzhanovich Tabeyev, ambassador of the USSR in Kabul, was also present at this meeting.

Border Attacks From Pakistan Protested

LD101353 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1130 GMT 10 Jan 85

[Text] Kabul, 10 Jan (BAKHTAR) — A spokesman of the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs said:

Relevant authorities of the DRA report that despite repeated protests by the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs, savage and provocative aggressions against the DRA continue from beyond the borders and firing of assorted weapons including reactive shells [reactive mermi] has taken place against the residential area and garrison of Barikowt, Konarha Province.

On 27 December and 5 and 6 January, Barikowt was subjected to massive firing three times from the Arandu and Goshbandi areas, as a result of which six local people including two women and one child; and three military men were martyred; another eight local residents and six military men were wounded.

In connection with these aggressions, the Pakistani charge d'affaires at the embassy in Kabul was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 1000 hours this morning and the acting chief of the First Political Section stated the following to him.

The DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs consider these repeated border aggressions and provocations by Pakistan as a conscious act aimed to further raise tension and other dimensions in the undeclared war against the DRA and strongly protest this, and also strongly demand that an end should put to these aggressions and provocations. Otherwise DRA security forces will engage in reciprocal and decisive action, the grave consequences of which would be borne by the Pakistani authorities.

Progress of Public Health Service Lauded

LD101605 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 0735 GMT 10 Jan 85

[By BAKHTAR political commentator]

[Text] It is more than 6 years since the imperialists' undeclared war began, together with hostile anti-Afghan propaganda against the truth of the April revolution. Despite this subversive and hostile war by American imperialism and its collaborators, the revolution in our country (?gives priority) to improving all aspects of the life of our people, especially in health affairs.

Notwithstanding hostile propaganda by the Western mass media, which allege that the health situation in Afghanistan has deteriorated, health services in our country have greatly improved thanks to our revolution. As a result of the continuing undeclared war by U.S. imperialism against our country, 31 hospitals and 113 basic health centers have been (?destroyed) by the (?agents) of the U.S. CIA espionage organization and damage valued at $12 million has been inflicted on Afghanistan's health and social services. In spite of these inhuman subversions by imperialism, at present 89 civilian hospitals are functioning throughout the country; of these, 5 hospitals in Kabul, Herat, and Qandahar were built after the revolution and have begun functioning. From among the 113 health centers which were destroyed, 32 centers have been reactivated. And recently one health center in Jalalabad and four [word indistinct] have begun work in Kabul, Qandahar, and Mazar-e Sharif. The number of hospital beds has risen to (?2,900) after the revolution, and centers for contagious diseases have opened for the first time in Nangarhar, Herat, Qandahar, and Kabul Provinces. Networks of health establishments have been built in the provinces and villages, and the process is continuing. [words indistinct] In line with higher medical education in the country, a state medical institute has been built and a faculty of [word indistinct] has been opened. The number of medical students accepted for higher medical education has risen from 600 to 3,000 students, and the number of medical instructors has risen from 50 to 300. The number of students taking medium-level medical education has risen from 400 to 1,800, and hundreds of other youths are engaged in medical education in friendly countries.

While U.S. imperialism and its collaborators are giving increasing support to Afghan counterrevolutionary elements for subversion in our country, our revolutionary values in all aspects, particularly in the area of health services, are considerable. We believe that if it were not for this subversion, our successes would have been more than at present.

Indian CP-Marxist Leader Expresses Support

LD101421 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 0200 GMT 10 Jan 85

[Text] The April revolution is successfully advancing under the PDPA's leadership. The Congress [as heard] Party of India, with all leftist parties in that country, support your legitimate cause against imperialism and reactionary forces. This was stated by E.M. Sankaran Namboodiripad, secretary general of the Communist Party of India-Marxist, who has come to Kabul to take

part in the 20th anniversary celebration of the PDPA's founding. He said: A great struggle is taking place in India between the anti-imperialist and pro-imperialist forces in that country concerning the legitimate cause of the heroic Afghan people.

He added: Despite the fact that your struggle against an undeclared war has wide and difficult dimensions, because you are courageously continuing your struggle final victory is yours.

In reply to a question he said: Our party believes that imperialism is threatening the whole world, and in this regard it should be said that imperialist plans are being carried out in this part of the world. Among them are the plans of the United States and the militarization of Pakistan, which is a threat not only to Afghanistan but also to India. We are (?confident) that the conspiracy to assassinate Indian Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi was organized by imperialism. Support for Indian separatists and the arming and equipping of the Afghan terrorists in Pakistan are two related matters and form part of the imperialist plans in the region. Hearing the news of Indira Gandhi's murder, our party met and reached the conclusion that Indira [words indistinct], and she herself fell victim to the conspiracies of imperialism.

Expressing pleasure at his participation in the 20th anniversary of the April revolution, Namboodiripad said: I assure you that all leftist and anti-imperialist forces in India have long supported, and had and have good relations with your people, your party and state.

Syrian Ba'th Party Official Praises Government

JN101626 Damascus SANA in Arabic 1455 GMT 10 Jan 85

[Text] Moscow, 10 Jan (SANA) — Comrade Muhammad 'Abd al-'Al, member of the Palestinian Regional Command of the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party, has stressed the party's strong support for the just struggle of the Afghan people, party, and government to achieve development, progress, and socialism. In a speech in Kabul on the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA], Comrade 'Abd al-'Al conveyed the greetings of struggler Comrade Hafiz al-Asad and the Ba'th Party Regional Command to the PDPA.

Comrade 'Abd al-'Al also explained the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party's objectives, militant positions, and role in foiling the imperialist conspiracies that are being concocted against our Arab nation. He also confirmed the party's solidarity with all forces of freedom and progress in the world.

SPA: Mujahidin Damage 2 Soviet Planes in Raid

LD102144 Riyadh SPA in English 1919 GMT 10 Jan 85

[Text] London, Jan 10, SPA — Afghan mujahidin damaged two Soviet aircraft and a helicopter gunship during a new year's raid on Qandahar airport, the AGENCY AFGHAN PRESS reported today.

The agency said a Soviet military officer and a provincial director designate of the Karamal intelligence department, KHAD were also killed in Qandahar.

Equipped with rocket launchers and mortars a group of mujahidin attacked the airport on the night of Dec 31. After killing 12 Soviet Karmal troops, the mujahidin hit two planes and a gunship on the runway, the agency added.

It said on Dec 29, the mujahidin shot dead a Soviet military officer and his guard near the outer gate of his residence.

On the same night, the mujahidin killed Najeeb Khan, a local leader of the Parcham faction, the agency said.

AFP: Opposition Factions Clash at Faridpur

HK110650 Hong Kong AFP in English 0521 GMT 11 Jan 85

[Text] Dhaka, Jan 11 (AFP) — A clash between two rival factions of the opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) left at least 100 people injured and forced the party leader to cancel a scheduled public meeting at Faridpur Thursday.

Reports reaching here late last night said the clash at Faridpur town, about 100 miles (160 kms) from here, erupted over the rivalry between two leaders contesting for local leadership of the party.

Angry supporters of a faction were reported to have damaged the car of BNP leader Begum Khaleda Zia who had to cancel her public meeting.

Begum Zia, who is also the leader of the seven-party alliance, is touring different places of the country to gain support of the people in favour of the opposition's movement to end the 34-month military rule in Bangladesh.

Delhi: Lawyers Heed Opposition's Boycott Call

BK101625 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 10 Jan 85

[Text] Lawyers all over Bangladesh today boycotted the courts in response to a call given by the two main opposition alliances. The boycott is part of the noncooperation movement launched by the opposition alliances in support of their demands for lifting of the martial law and holding of elections under a neutral government.

Meanwhile, the leader of the main 15-party opposition alliance, Sheikh Hasina Wajed, has said that her group will not allow President Ershad to hold parliamentary elections in April without the participation of the opposition.

All India Radio Dhaka correspondent Prabhakar Mishra says Sheikh Hasina's remarks came after the president's announcement to hold the elections in April whether any particular political party or alliance participates in it or not.

Naval Patrolling Near Sri Lanka Intensified

BK101359 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 10 Jan 85

[Text] India has intensified patrolling in Dhanushkodi area where two Indian fishermen were reportedly killed by the Sri Lanka naval patrol boat. An official spokesman said in New Delhi today that India was deeply concerned over the happening. This has further aggravated the situation. In view of the happening Indian navalpresence has been increased in the area, he added.

Meanwhile, the security forces yesterday raided a large Tamil inhabitants [as heard] in the strife torn northern region killing 11 militants. Five militants have been arrested.

Sri Lankan Boat Captured

BK110852 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 11 Jan 85

[Text] A Sri Lankan naval patrol boat has been captured by an Indian Coast Guard Veessel when it was seen firing at Indian fishermen early this morning. The fishermen were fishing within the Indian territorial waters when the incident ocurred. The patrol boat with its crew was brought to Mandapam near Pamban. The suprintendent of police, Rameswaram, is investigating into the matter.

Agency reports, quoting official sources, say that there were six seamen in the Sri Lankan patrol boat besides its captain, Lieutenant Gunatilake. They were armed with Sten guns, self-loading rifles, and light machine guns. Police sources said that boat was captured between Rameswaram and the Pamban lighthouse. A fishermen association says that the Sri Lankan boat plundered the catch from about 25 mechanized fishing boats along with their nets and money after severly beating them up. The fishermen immediately reported the matter to the Coast Guard vessel patrolling in the vicinity. The vessel, after ascertaining the details about the direction in which the patrol boat had fled, gave chase and caught it shortly afterwards.

Protest Lodged

BK111245 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 11 Jan 85

[Excerpt] India has made a strong protest to Sri Lanka over the incident of firing by the Sri Lankan naval patrol boat at Indian fishermen this morning within the Indian territorial waters. A spokesman of the External Affairs Ministry said in New Delhi today that the Government of India took a serious view of the incident. The protest was lodged with the acting high commissioner of Sri Lanka in New Delhi who was called to the Foreign Office this afternoon. As already reported, an Indian Coast Guard vessel captured a Sri Lankan naval patrol boat and was brought to Mandapam for enquiry.

In reply to a question, the spokesman said that the Sri Lankan boat was intercepted at 0630 this morning [0100 GMT] at a place 2 and 1/2 miles inside the Indian territorial waters. It is a 40-tonne vessel carrying seven crew members and equipped with several automatic weapons. The spokesman said there were no casualties.

Astronaut Selection for U.S. Space Shuttle Begins

BK101639 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 10 Jan 85

[Text] The second Indian to go into space will be a scientist from the Indian Space Research Organization [ISRO]. The process for selecting the Indian scientist has begun. This was stated by the chairman of the Space Commission, Dr U.R. Rao, in Bangalore today. Dr Rao told our correspondent, (Shreshtha Chandrika), that the Indian scientist will be launched into space in the joint manned Indo-U.S. space shuttle mission scheduled for June next year. He said nearly 3,000 young space scientists, including some women working in the ISRO, have volunteered for the space mission. The selection process will be over by the middle of this year.

Dr Rao also said that the space shuttle flight will deploy the Indian satellite INSAT-1C into the geostationary orbit. The Indian astronaut will work with the American crew on board while deploying the satellite.

Trial of Mhatre Murder Suspects To Begin

BK110319 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 11 Jan 85

[Text] In London the trial of six people suspected to be involved in the kidnapping and murder of the Indian diplomat, Mr Ravidra Mhatre, is to begin on the 13th of this month [January] before Birmingham magistrate. Three other persons involved in the case are now in Pakistan, and the Government of Pakistan has expressed its inability to send them for trial.

Export of Agricultural Products to Romania Begun

BK080625 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 4 Jan 85

[Text] For the first time India will export wheat to Romania during the current year. In addition to wheat worth 27.5 crore rupees, the export of agricultural products including soyabean meal and extractions will be stepped up along with iron ore, chemicals, and engineering goods. Export of textiles to Romania will be increased by 30 percent.

Kabul Charges of Cross-Border Fire Denied

BK101556 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 10 Jan 85

[Text] Pakistan has described as baseless and mischievous the allegations leveled by the Kabul authorities that there had been three instances of firing on 5 and 6 January from the Goshbandi and Arandu areas in Pakistan toward the Barikowt area of Afghanistan, which killed six civilians and three soldiers and wounded eight civilians and six soldiers. Pakistan's rejection of the charges was conveyed to the Afghan charge d'affaires in Islamabad today; he was told that the Kabul authorities are leveling such false and unfounded allegations as uaual despite Pakistan's categorical announcement about its policy not to violate Afghanistan's borders. He was told that such false propaganda will yield nothing but rather will aggravate tension along the border and generate mistrust.

USSR Should Have Guarantees To Leave DRA

GF101246 Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu 3 Jan 85 p 3

[Editorial: "Soviet Ambassador's Inverted Logic"]

[Text] The Soviet ambassador accredited to Pakistan, Mr Smirnov, has reiterated his previous stance that the Soviet Union wants a political solution to the Afghanistan problem, and that the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan could begin as soon as an agreement is reached on non-intervention from outside in the domestic affairs of Afghanistan. This stance by the Soviet Union is understandable. Pakistan also believes that international guarantees should be provided to the Soviet Union, saying that there will be no foreign intervention in Afghanistan and that no danger will threaten the southern borders of the Soviet Union once Soviet forces are withdrawn. However, the background to this dispute as stated by the Soviet ambassador, and the justification given by him for the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, is incomprehensible.

The Soviet Union insists that soon after the revolution in Afghanistan the Afghan reactionary elements in exile and the imperialist powers committed open aggression against Afghanistan to defeat the revolution. The ambassador insists that Afghanistan repeatedly requested the Soviet Union to send its Army to stop this aggression. The Soviet Union, according to the ambassador, was compelled to send its forces into Afghanistan in December 1979. He added that as soon as this foreign intervention ends and as soon as an agreement is signed that no foreign intervention will occur, the Soviet Union will not hesitate to withdraw its forces from Afghanistan.

In this connection we would very much like to remind the Soviet ambassador that the revolution in Afghanistan, which he has been referring to, occurred in April 1978. It brought into power Nur Mohammad Taraki. Pakistan officially recognized the revolution and the resultant regime without delay. In a meeting between President General Muhammad Ziaul Haq and Taraki, they decided that talks will be held to settle bilateral affairs. Later, Taraki's deputy Hafizullah Amin toppled his regime and took control of the government. At that time Pakistan did not intervene in the domestic affairs of Afghanistan, and also recognised the regime of Hafizullah Amin. When arrangements were being made to hold talks on bilateral matters with this regime, Hafizullah Amin was killed in a local power struggle. There is a general impression that a Soviet general shot and killed Hafizullah Amin; it was at this stage that the Soviet forces entered Afghanistan. It is an open secret that Babrak Karmal reached Kabul in a Soviet Army tank and that it was the Soviet Army which imposed him on Afghanistan.

In these circumstances Pakistan cannot be accused of having opposed the Afghanistan revolution, nor can we see any justification for the Soviet forces to enter Afghanistan. There is no answer from the Soviet Union on the question: Which government asked them to send their forces to Afghanistan? Moreover, the question of Afghanistan rose to the world level only after the Soviet Union, without justification, sent its forces to Afghanistan. Consequently, the Babrak Karmal regime came into power in that country. Pakistan, like most world nations, cannot see any justification for the entry of Soviet forces into Afghanistan, nor can it accept the Babrak Karmal regime as a legal and lawful government there. However, Pakistan wants to see success in the indirect talks so that some peaceful solution to the problem is found. In this respect the only terms acceptable to Pakistan would be the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan. Of course, Pakistan supports Soviet demands that it should have guarantees of non-interference from any foreign source once the Soviet forces leave Afghanistan.

Delhi: More Opposition Leaders Arrested

BK101619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 10 Jan 85

[Text] In Pakistan, three more opposition leaders were arrested today. With this, the number of arrests in the last 2 days has gone up to 13. Opposition sources in Lahore said those arrested today were Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan of the Pakistan Democratic Party and Rao Rashid and Mr Salman Safir of the Pakistan People's Party.

Meanwhile, the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy has stepped up the weekly protest agaisnt the martial law after the controversial referendum of last month.

Commentator Lauds Gandhi's Views on Relations

BK101319 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1715 GMT 9 Jan 85

[A.M.K. Usmani commentary]

[Text] The new Indian prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, in an interview with an American magazine, made a categorical declaration that his government wanted to end the confrontation with Pakistan which has been going on for some years. Of course, he did not say whose making was the confrontation, and he need not have done so, for there should be no bitterness or apportioning of blames when the two factions stand on the brink of a new and positive deal based on goodwill and good-neighborliness. The trend that has been set by Mr Rajiv Gandhi is likely to be widely welcomed in Pakistan as indications are already available from

the prompt comments in the press. An atmosphere of suspicion had been set afoot when Pakistan tried to set its military preparations on a bigger scale due to developments on its western border, and India openly looked at them with doubt even if there were consistent denials, and also mutual analysis of facts did not do much to allay the tensions simply because they were artificially created. Paksitan had, as a matter of fact, refused to be led up the garden path by reacting in the same coin. The (?reflexive) change seems to have emerged.

In a broadcast to the Indian nation, Mr Rajiv Gandhi said on 4 Janaury that his government was determined to resolve problems with immediate neighbors on the basis of mutual respect, sovereign equality, and friendship. He pointed out that special attention was needed to this aspect of India's foreign policy. The new prime minister put the picture in rather a convincing way when he said that we share the same memories of (?foreign) rule and look forward to the same prospects of development and better future for the peoples of India and Pakistan. In fact, he has laid the positive ground rules of blazing a new trail in the relations between Pakistan and India by laying the ghost of hegemonism and domination of South Asia — a factor which has for long poisoned the wells of mutual respect and good-neighborliness. Both India and Pakistan, many experts believe, have been expending most of their resources in unnecessary warlike preparations against each other which could have been saved for (?respective) development and the raising of standard of living of their peoples.

In the part of the interview by the American magazine when he was directly asked about the proposed arms buildup by Pakistan, Mr Rajiv Gandhi was positive enough to say that it was dangerous enough, though India would like to reduce the tension between the two countries as quickly and as much as possible so that this danger does not materialize. The wisdom of these words can hardly be scaled down. He also pointed out that he did not want India to enter into an arms race with Pakistan, though he did not clearly indicate that any buildup there may be is due to other reasons that have nothing to do with India. Misunderstandings are always likely to be created through a wrong interpretation of some or the other facts or the deliberate misconstruction, and the easiest way to avoid them is to talk them over.

It was for this reason that possibly the Pakistan president suggested to the Indian prime minister a resort to the hot line on the telephone whenever it was needed. Though it has not been used till now for Mr Gandhi's political and election preoccupations, he has indicated that he was ready to put it to good use for a better understanding. The change of direction in the trend of mutual relations between India and Pakistan by the Indian leadership has been widely appreciated in this country, and people look forward to a new era of understanding and cooperation between the two countries as is evident from editorial comments in the national press.

SRI LANKA

Tamil Leader Killed, Weapons Cache Captured

BK111126 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 11 Jan 85

[Text] Security forces have carried out a well coordinated cordoned attack on the terrorist hideout at Achchuveli in Jaffna and killed 14 hard-core terrorists, including the local leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam [LTTE]. They have also arrested 4 other leaders and 40 members of the terrorist organization. The leader who was killed in the shootout has been named as Pandipan.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali told newsmen in Colombo yesterday that a powerful underground arsenal of the movement was surrounded by the security forces, and a very large haul of arms and ammunition was captured by them on Wednesday. The arsenal, which was uncovered by the security forces, comprised an underground bunker. It contained large quantities of the most sophisticated weapons and ammunition — several makes of guns, machine guns, grenade exploders, 50 land mines, 20,000 rounds of ammunition, and rocket propellor gun.

A large number of documents too was recovered by the security forces. Ammunition consisted of 7,000 and 5,500 rounds each respectively. [as heard] Among the items captured by the security forces, there were several items belonging to the persons whom they had killed. Personal belongings to the Japanese Buddhist priest were among the items taken into custody.

Commenting on the operation, Minister Athulathmudali said that after this successful strike, the LTTE would be among the weakest. He said that the government had shown the terrorists by this strike that there was no way they can win, and the time had come for them to realize the futility of their efforts. Mr Athulathmudali said that LTTE was responsible for most of the attacks on security forces, state property, and banks in the northern areas during the past 2 years.

The minister said that the LTTE leader, Pandipan, was shot dead while he was attempting to shoot at the seucirty forces with a rifle. He described Pandipan as the highest-ranking LTTE member and leader of the group at present on Sri Lankan soil.

Documents Link Tamils, India

HK110634 Hong Kong AFP in English 0610 GMT 11 Jan 85

[By Neville de Silva]

[Text] Colombo, Jan 11 (AFP) — Raids by security forces this week wiped out nearly the entire local leadership of Sri Lanka's most violent Tamil separatist group and turned up documents to prove its "Indian connection," officials said.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said that 14 Central Committee members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) were killed in shootouts Wednesday and yesterday in the country's north.

Among the dead identified yesterday was Pandipam, the highest-ranking Sri Lankan-based official of the group, whose top leader is reportedly in southern India, Mr Athulathmudali said.

Two Central Committee members were away and thus escaped the army strike at the hideouts at Achchuveli and Arali which dealt a severe blow to the LTTE, he said.

In addition to a large arms cache, Mr Athulathmuali said that many documents were recovered from the raided LTTE hideouts and were being studied by Sri Lanka's new National Intelligence Bureau. He said the documents showed that some of the LTTE's weapons were purchased in India, and described the connections between the group here and in India as well as guerrilla training camps in India.

"These documents reveal the Indian connection. But I cannot tell you more right now for various reasons," the minister said. He said that more details would be disclosed after the documents had been carefully examined.

Security forces said today that 30 million rupees (1.2 million dollars) worth of arms and ammunition were seized from underground dumps during the raids.

Among weapons captured were two rocket-propelled grenade launchers, 25 grenades, M-16 rifles, AK-47 assault rifles, G-3 self-loading rifles, land mines and about 20,000 rounds of assorted ammunition. Some were in unopened crates, sources said.

The LTTE is the most militant of the groups fighting for an independent Tamil state in Sri Lanka's north and east. It is led by Velupillai Prabhakaran, who authorities here say operates out of southern India's Tamil Nadu state. The group has been blamed for several attacks on security forces and robberies, and more recently for massacres at civilian farms and fishing villages in which 80 people died, most of them members of the majority Sinhalese community.

More than 430 people have been killed in ethnic-related violence in Sri Lanka in the past two months, according to official figures.

Mr Athulathmudali said that security forces were questioning 44 people captured during the raids, including four hardcore members of the LTTE.

Meanwhile a separatist group raided the Valvedditturai police station at the northern tip of the Jaffna peninsula last night, triggering a 10-minute gun battle before the attackers withdrew, officials said. No casulties were reported.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,968

LD101527 Tehran IRNA in English 1458 GMT 10 Jan 85

[Text] Tehran Jan. 10, IRNA — Iraqi airplanes bombarded civilian areas of Gilan-e Gharb and its surrounding villages in Bakhtaran province, martyring four civilians and wounding 15 others Wednesday, said military communique number 1968 Thursday.

It also reported artillery duels between Iranian and Iraqi forces across the western operational region in which the Iranian units destroyed one tank, one vehicle and three weaponry positions, and also killed and wounded ten Iraqi soldiers.

In the northwestern front, Iranian combat units poured fire on enemy position and interrupted or paralyzed Iraqi movements in the border areas of Marivan, Chuman Mustafa, Hajj 'Umran and Darband.

On the banks of the Arvand river, Iranian forces bombarded enemy positions, units and fortifications on the Basra Al-Faw axis and halted their transportation activities.

The city of Abadan came under Iraqi bombardment Wednesday in which one civilian was wounded and five houses were damaged.

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[Excerpts] Bakhtaran Jan. 10, IRNA — Iraqi planes Wednesday violated eleven times the air space of Gilan-e Gharb and Sar Pol-e Zahab. In a number of runs, the aggressors bombarded residential areas.

Immediately after the raids temporary relief headquarters were set up in the office of the governor general to help the wounded and the homeless. Latest reports say telephone and electricity damages have been repaired.

500 houses and shops were seriously or partially damaged.

Deputy Condemns Iraqi Attack

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[Text] Tehran, Jan. 10, IRNA — The Gilan-e Gharb, Bakhtaran Province, deputy in Majlis, Morteza Shirzadi, in a statement condemned the Iraqi air attack on the city and nearby villages Wednesday [9 Jan], as a result of which four persons were martyred and 28 others were wounded.

In his statement issued here today he said that the atrocities of the Iraqi regime against inhabitants of the city has been endless and added that ever since the start of the Iraqi imposed war, Gilan-e Gharb has come under Iraqi bombardment fourteen times. As a result of these attacks, he added, a large number of people have been martyred and many have been wounded.

At the end he stressed that the Islamic combatants and the people of Iran would take revenge and would fight off the Iraqi forces until the final victory of the Iranian forces.

Khamene'i Meets Gambian Envoy; on Israeli Airlift

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[Text] Tehran, Jan. 10, IRNA — President Khamene'i told the new accredited ambassador of Gambia to Tehran, Omar Jah, that the Islamic Conference Organisation should condemn Sudan for having cooperated with the Zionist regime in airlifting Ethiopian Jews.

In the meeting, the Gambian ambassador presented his credentials to President Khamene'i. The Gambian diplomat praised the long struggle of the Iranian people which led to the glorious Islamic Revolution of Iran and enabled the Iranians to regain their Islamic identity.

President Khamene'i said that Muslim countries have common issues and they should show their unity in international organizations.

On cooperation of the Sudanese Government with the Zionist regime in airlifting Ethiopian Jews, the president said that it was an improper move taken by a so-called Islamic government which in fact is alienated from Islam. All Muslim countries should deplore the move, he added.

The Islamic Conference Organisation should take a decisive stance on issues related to Islam, the organisation should show such a firmness by condemning Sudan.

He also said the Islamic Republic of Iran feels close to African nations because it is aware of the injustice done to them and, therefore, wishes to have closer ties with them.

Navy Commander Briefs Hashemi-Rafsanjani

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[Text] Captain Hoseyni, commander of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in a meeting this afternoon with Hashemi-Rafsanjani, speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly and the Imam's representative to the Supreme Defense Council, gave Rafsanjani a report on the fighting power of the Navy in the waters of the Persian Gulf.

During the meeting the measures taken by the committed, specialized personnel of the Navy towards attaining self-sufficiency in the technical, technological and scientific areas were discussed. Then the Imam's representative to the Supreme Defense Council, while expressing appreciation for the hardwork ing personnel of the Navy, issued the necessary guidelines regarding the issues raised.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Addresses IRNA Officials

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[Excerpts] The public relations office of the Islamic Majlis announced that representatives of IRNA serving abroad who attended a coordination seminar in Tehran yesterday afternoon called on Hashemi-Rafsanjani.

At this meeting, Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani spoke to them, saying that an invisible control on the general public and a special control on special and wise people characterizes the media control of the superpowers in most of the Western world. Ordinarily, the people are hardly aware of what they are being told. However, in any corner of the world when the people begin to notice this control, they begin their struggle against it.

In order to keep its control, the Western world has created various monopolies and systems. This is not accidental. Powerful countries have worked hard to identify and specify all the sensitive spots of the world and have occupied them. There are controls devised for the general public and it is these people, more or less, who finally begin to resist and fight. But some of the controls are invisible and these are the most dangerous ones.

When military control is needed, it is done through naval, air, and military bases by the enemy and can be seen by the people. If economic control is needed, there are incited class wars and differences between the haves and have-nots. The people can clearly understand what is happening.

At other times it is a simple imperialist control: In such cases an agent or underling of the powerful acts as its voice. The people find it not hard to identify the native leaders who have gained control in various parts of the world.

However, there are media controls by the Western world which cannot be seen by everybody. These works are almost unseen and invisible. Although journalists and news correspondents, inquisitive persons, or politicians can fully identify them, members of the general public are hardly aware of them. These ordinary people understand that some news announces defeat and another report proclaims victory. They hardly realize the purpose of such news.

While referring to the struggle against Western colonialism and its mouthpieces, Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani said that the one point to note in this context is the possibility of fighting this mass media, however vast and deeprooted.

He further said that it is the duty of the people inside IRNA to fight the media war, and that this is a very heavy task. Your enemy, using experience gained through good organization and resources, picks up all the news from the four corners of the world quickly and dispatches it to all the world news centers. From there the news is analyzed and evaluated in special departments and in a very short time, broadcast all over the world.

News slanted in favor of the imperialists is given to listeners. The imperialists slant the news for political gain.

The Majlis speaker referred to the essential duty of the Islamic news media to fight imperialist propaganda and said: We are aware that small news agencies cannot be present everywhere in order to neutralize the imperialist intrigues.

The imperialists use the news media to help their interests and defeat their opponents. They use the media to capture people for themselves.

Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani stressed that one should never grow despondent in the fight against the imperialist media. However, the proper ground must be prepared for the fight. The news media of the Third World must form united organizations so that with planning and proper organization, they can make the people suspicious of the imperialist news media. The people should learn that all news reported by the imperialist media must be suspect and properly refuted. The people should always accept their news with a question mark.

The people should be given the facts. By comparing the news and by pointing out the wrong kind of reports to the people, the people will learn the facts. For example, you may have noticed how the news on the war is being reported by the imperialist media — with a slant toward Israeli interests. They can never accept that Saddam is being defeated. Through the news they make the people believe that everything [for Iran] is finished . However, when they realized that Iran is not defeated, they changed the tune of their news and began to represent Saddam as a dove and a very humane person.

The enemy has been defeated on the battlefields and is now suing for a false peace while hiding behind its fortifications. Even the United States, the British, France, and the Soviet Union, whose hands are red with blood of the world people, have assumed peaceloving masks for themselves. They want the people who have given martyrs and have suffered much in the war to admit that Saddam is peaceloving while Iran is a warmonger. They expect Saddam with all his crimes and now in his death throes should be commended and a medal given to him because he has been defending Arabism.

There is another news media ruse that must be discussed. It is being said that Iran is preparing for another offensive. Or it is being reported that Iran will soon launch another offensive. They want to create unrest in the world with such news. Through such talk, they buy time for Iraq and excuse the raids on ships in the Persian Gulf. This allows Saddam to crush his internal opponents savagely and to hide his various crimes. This is what is being done by the imperialist media. It strives to equate the oppressed with the oppressor.

Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani further said that our people are well aware of the nature of the imperialist mass media because the names of the imperialist mass media have been repeated in the news. Everyone has heard of AP, UPI, and the others. Therefore the people should be told that they should always analyze and be suspicious of their news, and try to find the facts. And the facts should be given to them. You should provide them facts and complete news so that world opinion can be turned in favor of the oppressed and against the oppressors.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Delivers Friday Sermon

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[Arabic Friday sermon by Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani, interim Friday Imam at Tehran University — recorded]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the merciful and the compassionate. Thanks be to God. Peace be upon the prophet of God and upon his family. Peace be upon the pious Muslim brothers and sisters.

Muslims, you have heard the news about the ferocious attacks committed by the Aflaqists of Iraq during the past few weeks. They hit six commercial ships in the sea. They also attacked a number of Iranian villages inhabited by our brother Arabs. They used cluster bombs which resulted in the martyrdom and wounding of a number of civilian men, women, and children when their homes collapsed. All these crimes are committed at a time when the Ba'thist (?pledged) — after the proposal was made by the United Nations — not to launch attacks against civilian targets. Iran committed itself to the United Nations proposal, despite the moves undertaken by the Ba'thists, by refraining from retaliating in the same manner.

Today, at the implementation of the orders issued by the masters and in order to demonstrate the backing of the superpowers, of Zionism, and of the reaction of the region, they continue their aggression. This is designed to reach a reconciliation, and consequently to delude the general public. The Islamic nation knows that we have exhausted all possible channels to provide justifications. [as heard] We called for attainment of justice, rights, and piety. But we witnessed only malice, aggression, and false allegations.

We reiterate our warning and grant a novel chance for the aggressive Aflaqists so that they might fear God and His creatures and thus surrender to justice. We hope so, so that there will be no need to shed the blood of the people. If they continue in their wrong-doing and malice we will be forced to eradicate this dangerous gland by force. We will then treat the corpus of the Islamic world in this way. In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. "Say: He is God, the one and the only; God the eternal and absolute; he begetteth not, nor he is begotten; and there is not like unto him." [Koranic verse] Peace be upon thee.

Palestinian Envoy Raps Sudan, Falasha Airlift

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[Text] The Palestinian ambassador has called on the Arabs to put the Sudanese regime on trial. The report carried by IRNA added that Salah al-Zawawi, the Palestinian ambassador to Iran, in a statement to WAFA, has denounced the Sudanese regime's cooperation with the Zionist entity in the conspiracy of transferring Ethiopian Jews to occupied Palestine.

He said: The Arabs must put the Sudanese regime on trial for cooperating with the entity which usurped Jerusalem in transporting thousands of Ethiopians to the occupied territories. They must also adopt practical resolutions and stands against them.

In conclusion, he referred to the Zionist entity's conspiracy in deporting Palestinians from the land of their forefathers, calling on the Islamic world to confront this vile scheme.

Iraqi Shipping Attacks Prove Collusion With West

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[From the "Behind the News" program]

[Text] The escalation of attacks by the Iraqi regime against international navigation in the Persian Gulf provides more indications of imperialist collusion with the Iraqi rulers in these flagrant violations. News agencies quoting the South Korean company which owns the cargo vessel *Hamlin Mariner*, struck last Tuesday by an Iraqi plane, have said that the vessel was struck outside the zone declared by Iraq as prohibited to international navigation. This state of affairs has disclosed to us an extremely important fact: International imperialism and its agents in the region are trying to camouflage their collusion with the Iraqi rulers.

The attack on *Hamlin Mariner* at the above location proves that the ruling regime in Iraq not only attacks ships near Iranian coasts but also threatens international navigation in the Persian Gulf in general. The situation requires that the security of navigation in the Gulf be shouldered by all the concerned parties. Otherwise, their implicit participation in what the Iraqi regime is doing by violating international laws and conventions would become evident. As a consequence, the Islamic Republic of Iran would be in a position to exercise its complete right in responding vigorously not only to Iraqi hostilities and violations but also to all those who collaborate with them in their crimes, thereby encouraging them to continue in that vein.

Kuwait Expels 15 More Iranian Nationals

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[Text] According to a report received from the Central News Unit, in continuation of its hostile actions against the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Kuwait Government has expelled another 15 Iranian Muslim workers from Kuwait during the last few days. Before their expulsion they were kept in Kuwaiti prisons and their property was confiscated by Kuwaiti officials. They arrived in Bushehr by the Persian Gulf coastal waters and have been accommodated in special refugee camps.

Charge d'Affaires to Saudi Arabia Appointed

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[Text] Tehran, Jan. 10, IRNA — Mohammad Hoseyn Tarermi-Rad is appointed as the Iranian charge d'affaires to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The appointment which was made by Foreign Affairs Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, was announced here today.